

**Minutes of the
Michigan State Waterways Commission
December 6, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Michigan State Waterways Commission (MSWC) was called to order by Commissioner and Chair, Gary Marowske at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013, at the MSU Kellogg Center 219 S. Harrison Rd. East Lansing, Michigan 48823. The following Commissioners participated:

Commissioner Al Declercq, Secretary
Commissioner Nicki Polan
Commissioner Dennis Nickels
Commissioner Denny Grinold
Commissioner Ward Walstrom
Commissioner Jim Hansen
Special Consultant R.J. Peterson

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) liaisons were also present.

Chair Gary Marowske opened the meeting with public comment.

I. PUBLIC APPEARANCE

A. Written Correspondence

There was no written correspondence.

B. Appearances (Non-agenda items)

The following individuals spoke publicly before the Commission:

Frank Gallo– Plymouth, MI representing Sunset Bay Marina. Mr. Gallo spoke to the Commissioners about the Sunset Bay Marina becoming a Harbor of Refuge. Mr. Gallo indicated that his marina is better suited to aide boaters in need of shelter than the current designated Harbor of Refuge, Sebawing. He explained the differences of distance to enter his marina as 600 feet compared to the 15,000 feet needed to enter Sebawing. It was explained by Chief, Ronald A. Olson that the Sunset Bay Marina is a private marina and as far as state money for dredging and financial assistance, the state cannot fund private marinas. Mr. Olson offered for Mr. Gallo to further speak with DNR staff regarding the Harbor of Refuge matter.

Jefferson Henry – Muskegon, MI on behalf of Ray Karboske of Ray's Auto Marine. Mr. Henry spoke to the commission about his visit to the Historical Museum in Lansing and reviewing previous Waterway minutes and the laws allowing "commercial" vessels into private marinas.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the October 25, 2013 Minutes

MOTION: Chair Marowske put approval of the October 25, 2013 Minutes of the Michigan State Waterway Commission to vote. The motion was moved by Commissioner Al Declercq and seconded by Commissioner Jim Hansen and it carried unanimously, 6-0

B. Land Use Order Resolution regarding amending the number of boating access sites. This item was suspended in the October 25, 2013 meeting because of edits and changes that had to be made to the resolution.

MOTION: Chair Gary Marowske moved to approve Resolution No. 08-2013-01. The motion is for support of the resolution brought forth by Commissioner Ward Walstrom and seconded by Commissioner Al Declercq. The resolution carried unanimously, 6-0

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Emergency Dredging Program Updates – **Jordan Byelich** and **Paul Petersen** presented a power point on project updates for Port Austin, East Tawas, Fayette Harbor, two state Boating Access Sites, Burt Lake and South Higgins Lake. Jordan then talked about the Parks and Recreation Dredging for upcoming projects and objectives. He discussed the equipment the DNR has for dredging. There are 10 field offices and 2 construction crews available to dredge. Their main goal this year is to utilize the equipment they have to going out and mechanically dredging the Boating Access Sites that are in need. There were approximately 160 locations identified, mostly Boating Access Sites. Next up was Paul Petersen who spoke about the Grant-In-Aid projects. He identified Gladstone Marina, Manistique, South Haven and Sault Ste. Marie and described the various work going on in each and what has been accomplished and yet what needs to be done with a timeline for each project. Paul then went over the water level report. He explained that we are about a foot above lowest levels but four feet from the highest levels. Lastly, he gave the commission an update on the current dredging projects in terms of completion and dollar amount. 21 projects have been completed, 20 are in progress and 16 have not yet been started. About 8.5 million dollars has been spent so far. At the end of Paul's presentation, Ward Walstrom asked if a summary and update of the dredging projects could be drafted and brought to

the February 2014 Waterway meeting. What we did to carry out the emergency dredge plan. Something that the general public can see where the emergency dredging money has been spent and how many locations have been helped by this funding in 2013. Perhaps some pictures of the projects could be implemented in the report as well.

- B. General Updates – **Jason Fleming** gave an update on the reservation system. On the first day of the system being up and operating to take reservations there were 1,051 reservations taken and of those, 72% came through the web. This is what we are pushing for to have people use the online system. As of the end of November we had done 6,166 reservations. Jason complimented the vendor we are using and said they were great to work with and develop this new system.
- Next Jason stated he would like the operations updates to be reflected as a matter of record in the Waterway minutes so that when questions are asked by someone, it isn't just a verbal response to one customer but that the questions and the answers can be viewed and resourced through the Waterway minutes. With the commissioners approval he wanted to move forward with some information and updates for the record.

Question 1: If I have a 30 foot slip and a 25 foot boat what do I charge?

Answer: You charge the cost of the 30 foot slip.

Question 2: What about broadside slip/broadside space?

Answer: You create your broadside space and define its size so depending on what space size you place that boat in, the price of that slip is what you charge.

NOTE: Boats are not allowed to be placed in a slip smaller than their boat size according to code and therefore a marina **should not be charging/placing or a boat** in that situation.

Question: How does the DNR set its fuel policy?

Answer: We do have a contract for our pricing. We do a comparison with other local marinas to see what they are charging and try to be in alignment with those costs. Of course we have a baseline price and we add the required taxes and that's our bottom line and we make sure that we have our costs covered and then look at where that amount compares to local marina prices and set ours accordingly.

Fee Schedule: The 2014 Fee schedule is being presented here today at this meeting. They remain in effect the same as the 2013 prices. They now become a record of the minutes and will be available for viewing through the DNR/Waterway website. We set the rate schedules and these are the rates the marinas can choose from. Some marinas are offered "variances" based on specific or unique need of the facility.

- C. Financial Update - Jackie **Blodgett**. Indicated that there was a financial summary in the agenda packet, page 27 of the packet. 2014 projected budget estimate which is the second column from left. Jackie disclosed what the budget closed at and that number is what our new beginning balance will start with this year. Jackie went through the summary and read the estimate dollar amounts from various areas anticipated for 2014.
- D. General Updates – **Emily Finnell, Office of the Great Lakes**. Emily spoke about partnerships of developing strategies for communities for long term planning Emergency dredging transitions to not only help communities when there is immediate need for help for their harbors but for long term sustainability as well. The Office of the Great Lakes is working through the Michigan Sea Grant as well as others for partnerships to work with the communities in long term strategies and planning for the future of harbors and marinas. She will come back at a future meeting to present a proposal of what the conceptual process will look like and look for the Waterway Commission's support.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of the 2014 Waterways Commission officers;

Election of Chair:

MOTION: to nominate and retain Gary Marowske as the Chair of the Waterway Commission for the 2014 year. Motion was moved by Jim Hansen and Al Declercq seconded the motion.

It carried unanimously, 6-0

Election of the Vice Chair:

MOTION: to nominate Al Declercq for Vice Chair. Jim Hansen moved the motion and Dennis Nickels seconded the motion.

It carried unanimously, 6-0.

Election of the Secretary:

MOTION: to nominate Jim Hansen as Secretary. Gary Marowske moved the motion and Ward Walstrom seconded the motion.

It carried unanimously, 6-0.

- B. Addition of "Operations" subcommittee to the Waterway Commission:

MOTION: Motion moved by Commissioner James Hansen and seconded by Dennis Grinold.

It carried unanimously, 6-0.

- C. Approval of the 2014 Waterway meetings, dates and locations:

MOTION: Motion moved by Commissioner Gary Marowske and seconded by Dennis Nickels.

It carried unanimously, 6-0.

With the conclusion of the Waterway Commission business, the meeting was adjourned.

2014 Seasonal Rates

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Slip Length	2014 Rate 1	2014 Rate 2	2014 Rate 3	2014 Rate 4	2014 Rate 5	2014 Rate 6	2014 Rate 7	2014 Rate 8	2014 Rate 9	2014 Rate 10
20	\$2,120	\$1,720	\$1,620	\$1,420	\$1,160	\$1,020	\$960	\$880	\$760	\$700
21	\$2,226	\$1,806	\$1,701	\$1,491	\$1,218	\$1,071	\$1,008	\$924	\$798	\$735
22	\$2,332	\$1,892	\$1,782	\$1,562	\$1,276	\$1,122	\$1,056	\$968	\$836	\$770
23	\$2,438	\$1,978	\$1,863	\$1,633	\$1,334	\$1,173	\$1,104	\$1,012	\$874	\$805
24	\$2,544	\$2,064	\$1,944	\$1,704	\$1,392	\$1,224	\$1,152	\$1,056	\$912	\$840
25	\$2,650	\$2,150	\$2,025	\$1,775	\$1,450	\$1,275	\$1,200	\$1,100	\$950	\$875
26	\$2,756	\$2,236	\$2,106	\$1,846	\$1,508	\$1,326	\$1,248	\$1,144	\$988	\$910
27	\$2,862	\$2,322	\$2,187	\$1,917	\$1,566	\$1,377	\$1,296	\$1,188	\$1,026	\$945
28	\$2,968	\$2,408	\$2,268	\$1,988	\$1,624	\$1,428	\$1,344	\$1,232	\$1,064	\$980
29	\$3,074	\$2,494	\$2,349	\$2,059	\$1,682	\$1,479	\$1,392	\$1,276	\$1,102	\$1,015
30	\$3,180	\$2,580	\$2,430	\$2,130	\$1,740	\$1,530	\$1,440	\$1,350	\$1,140	\$1,080
31	\$3,286	\$2,697	\$2,511	\$2,232	\$1,829	\$1,581	\$1,457	\$1,395	\$1,178	\$1,116
32	\$3,392	\$2,784	\$2,592	\$2,336	\$1,888	\$1,632	\$1,504	\$1,440	\$1,216	\$1,152
33	\$3,498	\$2,871	\$2,673	\$2,409	\$1,947	\$1,683	\$1,584	\$1,485	\$1,254	\$1,188
34	\$3,604	\$2,958	\$2,754	\$2,516	\$2,006	\$1,734	\$1,632	\$1,530	\$1,292	\$1,224
35	\$3,710	\$3,080	\$2,835	\$2,590	\$2,065	\$1,785	\$1,680	\$1,610	\$1,330	\$1,260
36	\$3,888	\$3,240	\$2,952	\$2,736	\$2,124	\$1,872	\$1,728	\$1,656	\$1,368	\$1,296
37	\$3,996	\$3,330	\$3,034	\$2,849	\$2,183	\$1,924	\$1,813	\$1,702	\$1,406	\$1,332
38	\$4,104	\$3,420	\$3,154	\$2,964	\$2,242	\$2,014	\$1,862	\$1,786	\$1,444	\$1,368
39	\$4,251	\$3,588	\$3,276	\$3,081	\$2,340	\$2,106	\$1,950	\$1,833	\$1,482	\$1,404
40	\$4,360	\$3,680	\$3,400	\$3,200	\$2,400	\$2,200	\$2,000	\$1,920	\$1,520	\$1,440
41	\$4,469	\$3,772	\$3,485	\$3,321	\$2,460	\$2,296	\$2,091	\$2,009	\$1,558	\$1,476
42	\$4,578	\$3,864	\$3,570	\$3,444	\$2,520	\$2,394	\$2,184	\$2,100	\$1,596	\$1,512
43	\$4,687	\$4,042	\$3,698	\$3,569	\$2,623	\$2,494	\$2,279	\$2,150	\$1,634	\$1,548
44	\$4,796	\$4,136	\$3,828	\$3,652	\$2,728	\$2,552	\$2,376	\$2,244	\$1,672	\$1,584
45	\$4,905	\$4,275	\$3,960	\$3,735	\$2,835	\$2,655	\$2,430	\$2,295	\$1,710	\$1,620
46	\$5,014	\$4,416	\$4,094	\$3,864	\$2,944	\$2,714	\$2,484	\$2,392	\$1,748	\$1,656
47	\$5,123	\$4,559	\$4,183	\$3,948	\$3,055	\$2,820	\$2,538	\$2,444	\$1,786	\$1,692
48	\$5,232	\$4,704	\$4,320	\$4,080	\$3,120	\$2,880	\$2,592	\$2,496	\$1,824	\$1,728
49	\$5,341	\$4,802	\$4,410	\$4,214	\$3,185	\$2,940	\$2,646	\$2,548	\$1,862	\$1,813
50	\$5,450	\$4,900	\$4,500	\$4,300	\$3,250	\$3,000	\$2,700	\$2,600	\$1,900	\$1,850
51	\$5,559	\$5,049	\$4,590	\$4,386	\$3,315	\$3,060	\$2,754	\$2,652	\$1,938	\$1,887
52	\$5,668	\$5,200	\$4,732	\$4,472	\$3,380	\$3,172	\$2,808	\$2,704	\$1,976	\$1,976
53	\$5,777	\$5,300	\$4,823	\$4,558	\$3,445	\$3,233	\$2,862	\$2,756	\$2,014	\$2,014
54	\$5,886	\$5,454	\$4,914	\$4,644	\$3,510	\$3,294	\$2,916	\$2,808	\$2,052	\$2,106
55	\$6,050	\$5,555	\$5,005	\$4,730	\$3,575	\$3,355	\$2,970	\$2,860	\$2,090	\$2,145
56	\$6,160	\$5,656	\$5,152	\$4,816	\$3,640	\$3,416	\$3,080	\$2,912	\$2,184	\$2,184
57	\$6,270	\$5,757	\$5,244	\$4,902	\$3,705	\$3,477	\$3,135	\$2,964	\$2,280	\$2,223
58	\$6,380	\$5,858	\$5,336	\$4,988	\$3,770	\$3,538	\$3,190	\$3,016	\$2,378	\$2,262
59	\$6,490	\$5,959	\$5,428	\$5,074	\$3,835	\$3,599	\$3,245	\$3,068	\$2,478	\$2,301
60	\$6,600	\$6,120	\$5,520	\$5,160	\$3,900	\$3,660	\$3,300	\$3,120	\$2,520	\$2,340
Over 60 ft	\$110 per ft	\$102 per ft	\$92 per ft	86 per ft	65 per ft.	\$61	\$55 per ft	\$52 per ft	\$42 per ft	\$39 per ft.

2014 Transient Rates

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Slip Length	A	B	C	D	E	F
25	\$19	\$22	\$30	\$32	\$40	\$51
26	\$20	\$23	\$31	\$34	\$42	\$53
27	\$20	\$24	\$33	\$35	\$43	\$55
28	\$21	\$25	\$34	\$36	\$45	\$57
29	\$22	\$26	\$35	\$37	\$46	\$59
30	\$23	\$26	\$37	\$39	\$48	\$62
31	\$23	\$27	\$38	\$41	\$50	\$64
32	\$24	\$28	\$40	\$42	\$51	\$66
33	\$25	\$29	\$41	\$43	\$53	\$68
34	\$26	\$30	\$42	\$45	\$54	\$70
35	\$26	\$31	\$43	\$46	\$56	\$72
36	\$27	\$32	\$45	\$50	\$58	\$74
37	\$28	\$33	\$46	\$51	\$59	\$76
38	\$29	\$33	\$47	\$52	\$61	\$78
39	\$29	\$34	\$51	\$58	\$62	\$80
40	\$30	\$35	\$53	\$59	\$64	\$82
41	\$31	\$36	\$54	\$61	\$66	\$84
42	\$32	\$37	\$55	\$62	\$67	\$86
43	\$32	\$38	\$57	\$64	\$69	\$88
44	\$33	\$39	\$58	\$65	\$70	\$90
45	\$34	\$40	\$60	\$67	\$72	\$92
46	\$35	\$40	\$63	\$68	\$74	\$94
47	\$35	\$41	\$64	\$70	\$75	\$96
48	\$36	\$42	\$65	\$71	\$77	\$98
49	\$37	\$43	\$67	\$73	\$78	\$100
50	\$38	\$44	\$68	\$74	\$80	\$103
51	\$38	\$45	\$69	\$75	\$82	\$105
52	\$39	\$46	\$71	\$77	\$83	\$107
53	\$40	\$47	\$72	\$78	\$85	\$109
54	\$41	\$48	\$73	\$80	\$86	\$111
55	\$41	\$48	\$75	\$81	\$88	\$113
56	\$42	\$49	\$76	\$83	\$90	\$115
57	\$43	\$50	\$78	\$84	\$91	\$117
58	\$44	\$51	\$79	\$86	\$93	\$119
59	\$44	\$52	\$80	\$87	\$94	\$121
60	\$46	\$53	\$82	\$89	\$96	\$123
61	\$47	\$54	\$83	\$90	\$98	\$125
62	\$48	\$55	\$84	\$92	\$99	\$127
63	\$49	\$55	\$86	\$93	\$101	\$129
64	\$49	\$56	\$87	\$95	\$102	\$131
65	\$50	\$57	\$88	\$96	\$104	\$133
66	\$51	\$58	\$90	\$98	\$106	\$135
67	\$52	\$59	\$91	\$99	\$107	\$137
68	\$52	\$60	\$92	\$101	\$109	\$139
69	\$53	\$61	\$94	\$102	\$110	\$141
70	\$54	\$62	\$95	\$104	\$112	\$144
71	\$55	\$62	\$97	\$105	\$114	\$146
72	\$55	\$63	\$98	\$107	\$115	\$148
73	\$56	\$64	\$99	\$108	\$117	\$150
74	\$57	\$65	\$101	\$110	\$118	\$152
75 ft or greater	\$0.77	\$0.88	\$1.36	\$1.48	\$1.60	\$2.05